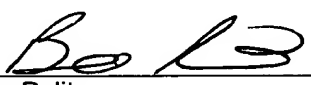
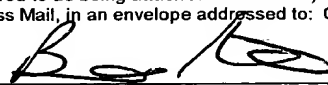




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 31-33, 35, 52, 54, 55, 57, 96 and 97, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: